#### § 32.45 Montana.

The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### BENTON LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, swan, and coot in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions (consult refuge manager prior to hunting to learn of changes or updates):
- 1. We prohibit access to refuge hunting areas from other than authorized refuge parking areas. We prohibit hunting on or within 25 yards (22.5 m) of dikes or roads except the marked portion of the dike between Marsh Units 5 and 6. Hunters must have a means of bird retrieval, using a boat, boots, or a trained dog, while hunting on this dike (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).
- 2. We allow hunting with the opening of waterfowl season and close November 30.
- 3. Hunters with a documented mobility disability may reserve an accessible blind in advance by contacting a refuge officer or calling the refuge office.
- 4. We only allow nonmotorized boats on refuge waters.
- 5. We allow hunting from temporary portable blinds or blinds made from natural vegetation.
- 6. We prohibit the retrieval of downed game from areas closed to hunting.
- 7. You must unload and case all firearms (see §27.42(b) of this chapter) when outside of the refuge hunt area on the refuge.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, and gray partridge in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions (consult refuge manager prior to hunting to learn of changes or updates):
  - 1. Conditions A2, A6, and A7 apply.
- 2. We prohibit access to refuge hunting areas from other than authorized refuge parking areas.
- 3. We prohibit hunting on or within 25 yards (22.5 m) of dikes or roads except the marked portion of the dike between Marsh Units 5 and 6.
- C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]
- D. Sport Fishing. Anglers may sport fish on designated areas of the refuge as posted by

## BENTON LAKE WETLAND MANAGEMENT

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) throughout the District, excluding Sands WPA in Hill County

- and H-2-0 WPA in Powell County, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We prohibit the use of motorboats.
- 2. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow upland game hunting on WPAs throughout the District, excluding Sands WPA in Hill County and H-2-0 WPA in Powell County, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).
- 2. We prohibit the use of horses for any purposes.
- C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on WPAs throughout the District, excluding Sands WPA in Hill County and H-2-0 WPA in Powell County, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Condition B2 applies.
- D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on WPAs throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. Condition A1 applies.
- 2. You must remove boats, fishing equipment, and other personal property at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chap-

### BLACK COULEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We only allow nonmotorized boats on refuge waters.
- 2. You must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the refuge for blind construction by legal sunset (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
- 3. A portion of the land within the refuge boundary is private land (inholding); persons wishing to hunt the private land must gain permission from the landowner.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).
- 2. Fox and coyote hunters may only use centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles, or shotguns with approved nontoxic shot.
- 3. Condition A3 applies.
  C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on designated portions of the refuge

in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

- 1. We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms on the refuge from August 15 to December 15.
- 2. You must visibly mark portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms with your automated licensing system (ALS) number.
- 3. You must remove any other personal property brought onto the area at the end of each day (see §\$27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter)
  - 4. Condition A3 applies.
  - D. Sport Fishing [Reserved]

#### BOWDOIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. You must check-in and check out of the refuge daily. Before hunting, each hunter must record the date, their name, and the time checking into the refuge on a register inside the Hunter Registration Kiosk at refuge headquarters. After hunting, each hunter must record hunting data (hours hunted waterfowl and/or upland game and the number of birds harvested) before departing the refuge.
- 2. We prohibit air-thrust boats or boats with motors greater than 25 hp.
- 3. You must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the refuge for blind construction by legal sunset (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. Condition A1 applies.
- 2. You must possess and carry a refuge Special Use Permit to hunt fox and coyotes.
- 3. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).
- 4. Fox and coyote hunters may only use centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles, or shotguns with approved nontoxic shot.
- 5. We require game bird hunters to wear at least one article of blaze-orange clothing visible above the waist.
  - C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]
  - D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

### BOWDOIN WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow migratory game bird hunting on all Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) (except Holm WPA) throughout the District in accordance

with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

- 1. We prohibit use of motorboats.
- 2. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow upland game hunting on all WPAs (except Holm WPA) throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).
- C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on all WPAs (except Holm WPA) throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We allow portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms to be left on WPAs from August 15 to December 15.
- 2. You must label portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms with your automated licensing system (ALS) number. The label must be legible from the ground.
- 3. You must remove any other personal property brought onto the area at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
- 4. We allow the use of only archery, muzzleloader (as defined by State regulations), or shotgun on the McNeil Slough WPA.
- D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on WPAs throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We prohibit use of motorboats.
- 2. You must remove boats, fishing equipment, and other personal property at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

## CHARLES M. RUSSELL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. Refuge open to hunting of migratory game birds in accordance with State law.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. Hunting of upland game birds, turkey and coyote is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition:
- 1. Coyote hunting allowed from the first day of antelope rifle season through March 1 annually.
- C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We allow the use of portable blinds and stands. You may install stands and blinds no sooner than August 1, and you must remove them by December 15 of each year. We limit each hunter to three stands or blinds. The hunter must have their name, address, phone

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number, and automated licensing system number (ALS) visibly marked on the stand.

- 2. We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge. You must possess and carry a refuge permit to hunt elk on the refuge.
- D. Sport fishing. Refuge open to sport fishing in accordance with State law, and as specifically designated in refuge publications.

## CHARLES M. RUSSELL WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow migratory game bird hunting on all Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove all watercraft and personal equipment following each day of hunting (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow only upland game bird hunting on all WPAs in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).
- C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on all WPAs in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. All tree stands must be visibly marked and identified with the hunter's name, address, phone number, and ALS number. Hunters must remove all tree stands no later than December 15 of each year.
- 2. We prohibit permanent stands, ladders, steps, screw-in spikes, nails, screws, and wire (see §32.2(i)).
- D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on all WPAs in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Anglers must remove all motor boats and other personal equipment at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

# CREEDMAN COULEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition:
- 1. Most of the land within the refuge boundary is private land (inholding); persons wishing to access the private land must gain permission from the landowner.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Condition Al applies.
- C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to

the following condition: Condition A1 applies.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

#### HAILSTONE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGEE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. The refuge unit is open to the hunting of migratory game birds, but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. Hunters may hunt upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:
- 1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.
- C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]
- D. Sport Fishing, [Reserved]

#### HALFBREED LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]
- C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]
- D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

#### HEWITT LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We prohibit air-thrust boats and boats with motors greater than 25 hp.
- 2. You must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the refuge for blind construction by legal sunset (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
- 3. A portion of the land within the refuge boundary is private land (inholding); persons wishing to hunt the private land must gain permission from the landowner.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see  $\S32.2(k)$ ).
- 2. Fox and coyote hunters may use only centerfire rifles, rim-fire rifles, or shotguns with approved nontoxic shot.
- 3. We prohibit the shooting or taking of prairie dogs.
- 4. Condition A3 applies.
- C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms on the refuge from August 15 to December 15.

- 2. You must visibly mark portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms with your automated licensing system (ALS) number.
- 3. You must remove any other personal property brought onto the area at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
  - 4. Condition A3 applies.
  - D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

#### LAKE MASON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. Hunting of migratory game birds is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The use of motorized boats is not permitted.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.
- C. Big Game Hunting. Refuge open to big game hunting in accordance with State law.
  D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

#### LAKE THIBADEAU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition:
- 1. Most of the land within the refuge boundary is private land (inholding); persons wishing to hunt the private land must gain permission from the landowner.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Condition Al applies.
- C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Condition A1 applies.
  - D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

## LAMESTEER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGEE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. The refuge unit is open to the hunting of migratory game birds but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. The refuge unit is open to the hunting of upland game but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.
- C. Big Game Hunting. The refuge unit is open to big game hunting but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law
- $D.\ Sport\ Fishing.$  Anglers may sport fish in accordance with state law.

LEE METCALE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot from established blinds in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions (consult refuge manager prior to hunting to learn of changes or updates):
- 1. Hunting Access: Hunters must enter and exit the hunt area through the access parking lot. Hunters must park at this access point and at the numbered parking space corresponding to a blind. Hunters must walk to the blind along mowed trails designated in the hunting leaflet. We open the access parking lot at 3:30 a.m. to hunters who intend to immediately hunt on the refuge. We prohibit wildlife observation, scouting, and loitering at the access point.
- 2. Hunting Hours: We will close the Waterfowl Hunting Area to waterfowl hunting on Mondays and Thursdays. We open the hunting area, defined by the refuge boundary fence, 2 hours before and require departure 2 hours after legal waterfowl hunting hours, as defined by the State.
- 3. Registration: Each hunter must record the date, his or her name, Automated License System number, date of birth, and the time checking into the hunt area at the appropriate register before hunting; must set the appropriate blind selector before and after hunting; and must record hunting data (hours hunted, the number of shots fired, and birds harvested) at the appropriate register before departing the hunting area.
- 4. Blind selection is on a first-come, first-served basis with the exception of the opening weekend of waterfowl season. We will distribute blind permits for the opening weekend by a public drawing. We will announce the drawing time and place in local newspapers.
- 5. We prohibit attempting to "reserve" a blind for use later in the day by depositing a vehicle or other equipment on the refuge. A hunter must be physically present in the hunting area in order to use a blind.
- 6. We prohibit blocking access to refuge gates (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).
- 7. Hunters with a documented mobility disability may reserve an accessible blind in advance by contacting a refuge officer.
- 8. No more than four hunters or individuals may use a blind at one time.
- 9. You may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less.
- 10. You must conduct all hunting from within the hunting blind.
- 11. All hunters must have a visible means of retrieving waterfowl such as a float tube, waders, or a dog capable of retrieving.
- 12. We prohibit falconry hunting.
- 13. We prohibit boats, fishing gear, and fires (see § 27.95 of this chapter).

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- 14. We require dogs be on a leash at the hunter access point and when walking to and from the hunt area/blind (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).
- 15. We require hunters to unload shotguns (see §27.42(b) of this chapter) at the hunter access point and when walking to and from the hunt area/blind.
- 16. Hunting Blind #8 has a minimum requirement of six decoys.
- 17. Hunting blinds require the use of a minimum of six decoys with the exception of blinds #1, 2, 7, 14, and 15.
- 18. We will allow the use of a removable personal blind within the immediate mowed area around field blind #13.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]
- C. Big Game Hunting. We allow archery hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions (consult refuge manager prior to hunting to learn of changes or updates):
- 1. Hunting Access: Hunters must enter and exit the hunt areas through designated archery hunting access points. We open access points to hunters intending to immediately hunt on the refuge. We prohibit wildlife observation, scouting, and loitering at access points and parking areas.
- 2. We will allow archery hunting in the Waterfowl Hunt Area in September except during the youth waterfowl hunt weekend. We will allow archery hunting on Mondays and Thursdays in the Waterfowl Hunting Area during waterfowl hunting season.
- 3. Registration: Each hunter must record the date, his or her name, Automated License System number, and date of birth at the appropriate register before hunting and must record hunting data (hours hunted, the number of arrows released, and deer harvested) at the appropriate register before departing the hunting area.
- 4. Tree Stands and Blinds: We allow each hunter the use of a maximum of two portable tree stands or blinds. Hunters must register each stand/blind with the refuge head-quarters. We prohibit hunters leaving each stand/blind unattended for more than 72 hours
- 5. We prohibit preseason entry or scouting.
- 6. Hunters may not enter or retrieve deer from closed areas of the refuge without the consent of a refuge officer.
- 7. We prohibit boats, fishing gear, fires (see §27.95 of this chapter), and firearms.
- 8. Hunters with a documented mobility disability may access designated locations in the hunting area to hunt from ground blinds. To access these areas, hunters must contact the refuge manager in advance to obtain a Special Use Permit.
- 9. We prohibit the use of any mechanized vehicle to enter or exit the hunt area; this includes bicycles.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas (Wildlife Viewing Area) of the refuge in accordance with State regulations in effect on the Bitterroot River from Tucker Crossing to Florence Bridge.

#### LOST TRAIL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of turkey and mountain grouse in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We do not allow hunting in areas posted as "Closed to Hunting" around the refuge headquarters, maintenance buildings, and quarters.
- 2. We prohibit guiding and outfitting.
- 3. We allow use of riding or pack stock on access routes designated through the refuge to access off-refuge lands as designated in the public use leaflet.
- 4. You may not use dogs for hunting of any species.
- 5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while on the refuge.
  - 6. We prohibit overnight camping.
- 7. We prohibit retrieval of game through areas closed to hunting without prior consent by the refuge manager.
- 8. We allow only portable or temporary blinds and tree stands.
- 9. We allow parking in designated areas only.
- C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of elk, white-tailed deer, and mule deer within designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We do not allow hunting in areas posted as "Closed to Hunting" around the refuge headquarters, maintenance buildings, and quarters.
- 2. We prohibit guiding and outfitting.
- 3. We allow use of riding or pack stock on access routes designated through the refuge to access off-refuge lands as designated in the public use leaflet.
- 4. You may not use dogs for hunting of any species.
- 5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while on the refuge.
  - 6. We prohibit overnight camping.
  - 7. We prohibit open fires.
- 8. We prohibit retrieval of game through areas closed to hunting without prior consent by the refuge manager.
- 9. We allow only portable or temporary blinds and tree stands.
- 10. We allow parking in designated areas only.
- 11. The first week of the archery and the first week of general elk and deer hunting season are open to youth-only (ages 12 and 13 only) hunting.
- D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

MEDICINE LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, goose, snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, partridge, and sharp-tailed grouse on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.
- C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer and antelope on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.
- D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to posted refuge restrictions.

#### NATIONAL BISON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]
- C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]
- D. Sport Fishing. The refuge unit is open to sport fishing but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

#### NINE-PIPE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]
- C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]
- D. Sport Fishing. The refuge unit is open to sport fishing but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

# NORTHEAST MONTANA WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We prohibit the use of motorboats.
- 2. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)).
- 2. We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.
- C. Big Game Hunting. We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands and freestanding elevated platforms on Waterfowl Production Areas from August 25 through February 15.

- 2. You must label portable tree stands and freestanding elevated platforms with your name and address such that it is legible from the ground.
  - 3. Condition B2 applies.
- 4. You must remove portable ground blinds and any other personal property at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter)
  - D. Sport Fishing, [Reserved]

## NORTHWEST MONTANA WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) throughout the wetland district in accordance with State regulations (Flathead County WPAs) or Joint State/Tribal regulations (Lake County WPAs) subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We prohibit motorboats except on the Flathead and Smith Lake WPAs in Flathead County.
- 2. Hunters must operate motorboats at nowake speeds on Flathead and Smith Lake WPAs in Flathead County.
- 3. Hunters must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds, boat blinds and other personal property at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
- 4. Dogs must be on a leash from April 1 to August 31. Dogs must be under the owner's immediate control at all other times. We prohibit free-roaming pets year-round on any portion of the WPAs.
- 5. We prohibit overnight camping and/or open fires (see §27.95(a) of this chapter).
- 6. Hunters must contruct blinds, other than portable blinds, of native materials only. Hunters must label all nonportable blinds with their name, address, and phone number. Construction and labeling of these blinds does not constitute exclusive use of the blind. Hunters must remove these blinds within 7 days of the close of the migratory game bird hunting season.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow upland game hunting on all WPAs throughout the wetland district in accordance with State regulations (Flathead County WPAs) or Joint State/Tribal regulations (Lake County WPAs) subject to the following conditions:
- 1. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see  $\S32.2(k)$ ).
- 2. We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.
- C. Big Game Hunting. We prohibit big game hunting on Lake County WPA per Joint State/Tribal regulations. We allow big game hunting on Flathead County WPAs in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We allow portable tree stands and/or portable ground blinds; however, they must be removed daily. We prohibit construction and/or use of tree stands or portable ground blinds from dimensional lumber.

- 2. Conditions A5 and B2 apply.
- 3. We prohibit ATV and/or snowmobile use.
- D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on all WPAs throughout the wetland district in accordance with State regulations (Flathead County WPAs) or Joint State/Tribal regulations (Lake County WPAs) subject to the following conditions:
- 1. Anglers must remove all motorboats, boat trailers, vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property from the WPAs at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
- 2. We prohibit the use of motorboats except on Flathead and Smith Lake WPAs in Flathead County.
- 3. Anglers must operate motorboats at nowake speeds on Flathead and Smith Lake WPAs in Flathead County.
- 4. We strictly prohibit harassing or hazing of migratory game birds with a motorboat.

#### PABLO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]
- C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]
- D. Sport Fishing. The refuge unit is open to sport fishing but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

### RED ROCK LAKES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We only allow hunting on Lower Red Rock Lake and that portion of the River Marsh located directly north of Lower Red Rock Lake. We close all other areas of the refuge to hunting of goose, duck, and coot.
- 2. Hunters must remove all blinds, decoys, shell casings, and other personal equipment (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the refuge each day.
- 3. We only allow nonmotorized boats in the hunt area east of the Lower Red Rock Lake dam. We allow boats with motors 10 hp or less west of Lower Red Rock Lake dam.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]
- C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer, elk, moose, and pronghorn antelope on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. Moose hunting on the refuge portion of Montana moose hunt zone 334 opens October 15 and runs through the end of the State moose season.
- 2. We restrict moose hunting to the willow bog area south of Elk Springs Creek and nearby foothills at the southeast corner of the refuge. We prohibit moose hunting in all other areas of the refuge.

- 3. You may hire outfitters or ranchers for the retrieval of big game.
- 4. We only allow retrieval of game in closed areas of the refuge with the consent of a refuge employee.
- 5. We prohibit use of wheeled game carts or other mechanical transportation devices for game retrieval on portions of the refuge designated as Wilderness Area.
- 6. We prohibit horses north of Red Rock Pass Road except for the retrieval of big game. We only allow horses for back-country access to the Centennial Mountains south of Red Rock Pass Road. We require the use of certified weed-free hay or pellets.
- D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State fishing regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We allow fishing from the third Saturday in May through November 30 on Odell Creek, Red Rock Creek, and Elk Springs Creek west of Elk Lake Road.
- 2. We allow fishing from July 15 through September 30 on Widgeon Pond, Culver Pond, MacDonald Pond, Picnic Creek, and Elk Springs Creek east of Elk Lake Road.
- 3. We allow fishing in open areas from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.
- 4. We prohibit fishing on all other refuge waters.
- 5. You must only use pole and line or rod and reel to fish on the refuge.
- 6. You must use artificial lures or flies when fishing refuge waters; we prohibit bait fishing.
- 7. We prohibit the use or possession of lead sinkers or any lead fishing product while fishing.
- 8. We prohibit tubes and other flotation devices used for fishing unless posted at refuge parking areas as open.

#### SWAN RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Waterfowl and coot hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.
  - B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]
  - C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]
- D. Sport Fishing. Refuge open to sport fishing in accordance with State law, and as specifically designated in refuge publications.

## UL BEND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. The refuge unit is open to the hunting of migratory game birds but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. Refuge is open to upland game hunting in accordance with

State laws, regulations and subject to the following condition:

- 1. Coyote hunting allowed from the first day of antelope rifle season through March 1 annually.
- C. Big Game Hunting. Hunters may hunt big game subject to refuge-specific regulations as designated in refuge publications.
- D. Sport Fishing. The refuge unit is open to sport fishing but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

#### WAR HORSE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. The refuge unit is open to the hunting of migratory game birds but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.
- B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.
- C. Big Game Hunting. The refuge unit is open to big game hunting but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.
- D. Sport Fishing. Refuge open to sport fishing in accordance with State law, and as specifically designated in refuge publications.
- [58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 58 FR 29075, May 18, 1993; 59 FR 6694, Feb. 11, 1994; 60 FR 62044, Dec. 4, 1995; 62 FR 47379, Sept. 9, 1997; 63 FR 46918, Sept. 3, 1998; 65 FR 30786, May 12, 2000; 67 FR 58946, Sept. 18, 2002; 69 FR 54362, 54427, Sept. 8, 2004; 70 FR 54182, Sept. 13, 2005; 73 FR 33189, June 11, 2008; 74 FR 45693, Sept. 3, 2009]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

## BOYER CHUTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of ducks, geese, and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:
- 1. You may access the refuge from 1½ hours before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset along the immediate shoreline and including the high bank of the Missouri River. You may access the hunting area by water or, if by land, only within the public use area of the Island Unit and only with shotgun cased and unloaded.
- 2. You must remove all blinds and decoys at the conclusion of each day's hunt.
- 3. You must adhere to all applicable State hunting regulations.
  - B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

- C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We require a refuge hunt permit.
- D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We allow personally attended hook and line fishing and archery fishing (rough fish only) from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.
- 2. We only allow fishing from the shoreline. We prohibit all watercraft in the Boyer Chute waterway.
- 3. We prohibit floating lines, limblines, trotlines, crossbows, snagging devices, nets, and spears.
- 4. We prohibit ice fishing.
- 5. We prohibit digging or netting bait, frogging, or collecting mussels.

#### CRESCENT LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of waterfowl and coot in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. We close the refuge to the general public from legal sunset to legal sunrise. However, hunters may enter the designated hunting area 2 hours before legal sunrise and must be back to their vehicle in the process of leaving the refuge 2 hours after legal sunset. Official shooting hours are from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset for deer, coyote, and furbearer hunters; and from ½ hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset for all other hunters.
- 2. We only allow you to unleash dogs used to locate, point, and retrieve upland and small game and migratory birds on the refuge while hunting (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).
- 3. We open the refuge to hunting from September 1 through January 31 in accordance with State regulations.
- 4. We allow decoys, but hunters must remove them (see  $\S27.93$  of this chapter) at the end of each day.
- 5. We restrict vehicles to roads that are open to the public (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit hunters taking vehicles off of approved roads to set up blinds, decoys, or to retrieve game or for any other purposes other than emergencies. We allow parking within one vehicle length of the road.
- 6. We prohibit publicly organized hunts unless authorized under a Special Use Permit.
- 7. We only allow temporary blinds and stands, and hunters must remove them (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.
- 8. We only allow floating blinds on Island Lake. We prohibit all boats (including a floating device of any kind) on all other refuge lakes.